

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2427 - HB 2476**

February 11, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides a rebuttable presumption that joint physical and legal custody and shared parenting is in the best interest of the child unless the parents agree to a different custody and parenting arrangement in open court. Joint physical custody is defined in the bill that the parents have approximately equal amount of time with the child, but no less than 40% of the time with the child.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 Recurring  
\$125,800 One-Time**

**Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures-\$244,200 One-Time**

Assumes:

- provisions will require changes to the child support guidelines and the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System to accommodate the tracking of this type of joint custody to allow for enforcement of child support obligation that is due from the non-custodial parent.
- an increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000 to the court systems for additional hearings regarding custody.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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